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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated March 18, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Transmitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer of USP 6,336,872 as indicated in the Office Action at page 2. Thus, the Terminal Disclaimer with respect to USP 6,336,872 has been signed on behalf of Applicant by an attorney of record in this application and therefore the obviousness-type double patenting rejection should be overcome.

Applicants do not believe that the Terminal Disclaimer fee in the amount of \$110.00 is necessary for the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer since the \$110.00 fee was enclosed with the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer on January 31, 2003. However, if necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this,

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concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Should the Examiner wish to contact Applicants' representative, he may do so by telephoning Edward H. Valance, Reg. No. 19,896, at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington Metropolitan area.

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